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SUBJECT: MFA REQUEST TO FLY U.S. REGISTERED SAUDI PLANE TO DAMASCUS
FOR FM PRINCE SAUD TRIP

REF: ABELL-BAGWELL MARCH 2 EMAILS (NOTAL)

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. See paragraph three.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Embassy received note from MFA March 2 regarding FM Prince Saud Al Faisal's planned March 4 trip to Damascus from Cairo. Begin text:

[Complimentary opening] ... His Royal Highness Prince Saud Al-Faisal will be visiting Damascus on the coming Wednesday on a U.S. registered aircraft, type 767, and call signal N767. The aircraft's route will be (Cairo-Damascus-Riyadh).

The Embassy is kindly requested to notify the concerned authorities in Washington to get the necessary clearance as the above mentioned aircraft is U.S. registered. [Complimentary closing]

End text.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Embassy understands from Ref Email that the Saudis may need a Temporary Sojourn License from the Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and Security. Embassy requests State and Commerce assistance expediting the Saudi request.

[1](#)4. (U) Point of contact for this request is economic officer Ashley Bagwell (bagwelllda@state.gov, 966-1-488-3800 x4349).

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